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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE BY

SAMUEL MODERSOHN

Affairs.

FINAL CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Architects (hereinafter the Board) upon the filing of a Uniform Penalty Letter concerning allegations that Samuel Modersohn (hereinafter Respondent or Mr. Modersohn) was engaging in the unlicensed practice of architecture in New Jersey. Respondent is not a registered licensed architect in New Jersey. Respondent is also not registered as a Home Improvement Contractor with the Division of Consumer Affairs nor is he a Registered Builder with the New Jersey Department of Community

Evidence reveals that Respondent utilized the term "architect" or its derivative and showed architectural plans with his title block on his company's, KJS Drafting and Design,

website. Respondent also offered and/or provided architectural design services and/or plans, including, permit plans.

In addition, an undercover Enforcement Bureau investigation revealed that on at least one occasion, Respondent offered to provide architectural design services and plans in connection with renovations and an addition to a residential property.

The Board finds that these actions committed by the Respondent are in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:3-10, N.J.A.C. 13:27-3.2 and N.J.A.C. 13:27-3.3.

Respondent, Mr. Modersohn, without making any admissions of guilt, but being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, and agreeing to waive any right to same, and the Board finding the within disposition to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare and for other good cause shown, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this Order;

ORDERED THAT

- 1. Respondent, Samuel Modersohn, shall immediately cease and desist from practicing architecture in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-18.2(b)(1), including, but not limited to the conduct described above.
- 2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-18.2(b)(2), in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Respondent shall pay \$1,000.00 and the remaining \$4,000.00 shall be stayed for four years. If during the next four years, Respondent is found liable for any other violation, then the Board shall require him to pay the remaining \$4,000.00 plus any costs or penalties associated with the new violation.

Alternatively, if Respondent does not commit any other violation during the four year period, then the remaining \$4,000.00 shall be discharged.

- 3. Respondent agrees that he will eliminate the word "design" and any substantial equivalent of the word from his business title and change the business's website address accordingly in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:27-3.3.
- 4. The civil penalty shall be due no later than thirty (30) days following entry of this order. Payment shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be forwarded to Charles Kirk, Executive Director, State Board of Architects at 124 Halsey Street, 3rd floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Respondent is permitted to make payments over the course of four months in equal installments to the Board without accruing any interest. Full payment must be received by the Board within four months from the date of this filed Order.
- 5. Failure to comply with any provision of this Order or remit any and all payments required by this Order will result in

the filing of a Certificate of Debt and may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings for failure to comply with an Order of the Board.

- 6. The entry of this Order is without prejudice to further action by other law enforcement entities resulting from Respondent's conduct.
- 7. The Order constitutes full and final resolution of the charges in this matter pending before the New Jersey State Board of Architects.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD

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Bv:

Albert Zaccone, RA

Board President

I hereby agree to be bound by all terms and conditions of this Order. I consent to the entry of this Order by the State Board of Architects.

Samuel Modersohn

Dated: